

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

DIVISION OF COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

NEWS RELEASE



Cora Campbell, Commissioner
Jeff Regnart, Director



Alaska Department of Fish and Game
Eric Newland, Area Management Biologist
Breena Apgar-Kurtz, Asst. Area Management Biologist
Upper Yukon Area Office
1300 College Road
Fairbanks, AK 99701
Phone: (907) 459-7274
Fax: (907) 459-7271
Subsistence Fishing Schedule:
(866) 479-7387 (toll free), or
in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387

U.S. Department of Interior
Fish and Wildlife Service
Federal Subsistence Board
Geoffrey L. Haskett, Regional Director
Kathleen O'Reilly-Doyle, Acting
Asst. Regional Director Subsistence
Fred Bue, Yukon Area Inseason Manager
Fairbanks Fish and Wildlife Field Office
101 12th Avenue, Rm 110
Fairbanks, AK 99701
Phone: (907) 455-1849 or 1-800-267-3997
Fax (907) 455-1853

Date Issued: August 8, 2013

2013 Yukon River Summer Salmon Fishery News Release #83

Summer Announcement #76, Subdistrict 5-D Subsistence Fishing Schedule

Districts Affected: Upper Yukon Area

The cumulative passage estimate of approximately 28,000 Chinook salmon at the Eagle sonar site through August 7 is well below the historical average of 50,000 for this date. The preliminary projection at Eagle sonar for Chinook salmon passage is approximately 30,000 to 32,000 which would fall well below the Interim Management Escapement Goal of 42,500 to 55,000 adopted by the joint US-Canada Yukon River Panel.

The 2013 Chinook salmon run is nearly complete in Subdistrict 5-D with the remainder of the run crossing the US/Canada Border now. Therefore, subsistence fishing schedules and restrictions in Subdistrict 5-D are being relaxed as Chinook salmon pass out of the area.

Subdistrict 5-D Lower (from an ADF&G regulatory marker 2 miles downstream of Waldron Creek upstream to the Hadweenzic River and including all adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Stevens Village and Beaver):

Subsistence salmon fishing is open 24-hours per day, 7 days per week. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less and all salmon may be kept when caught in fish wheels.

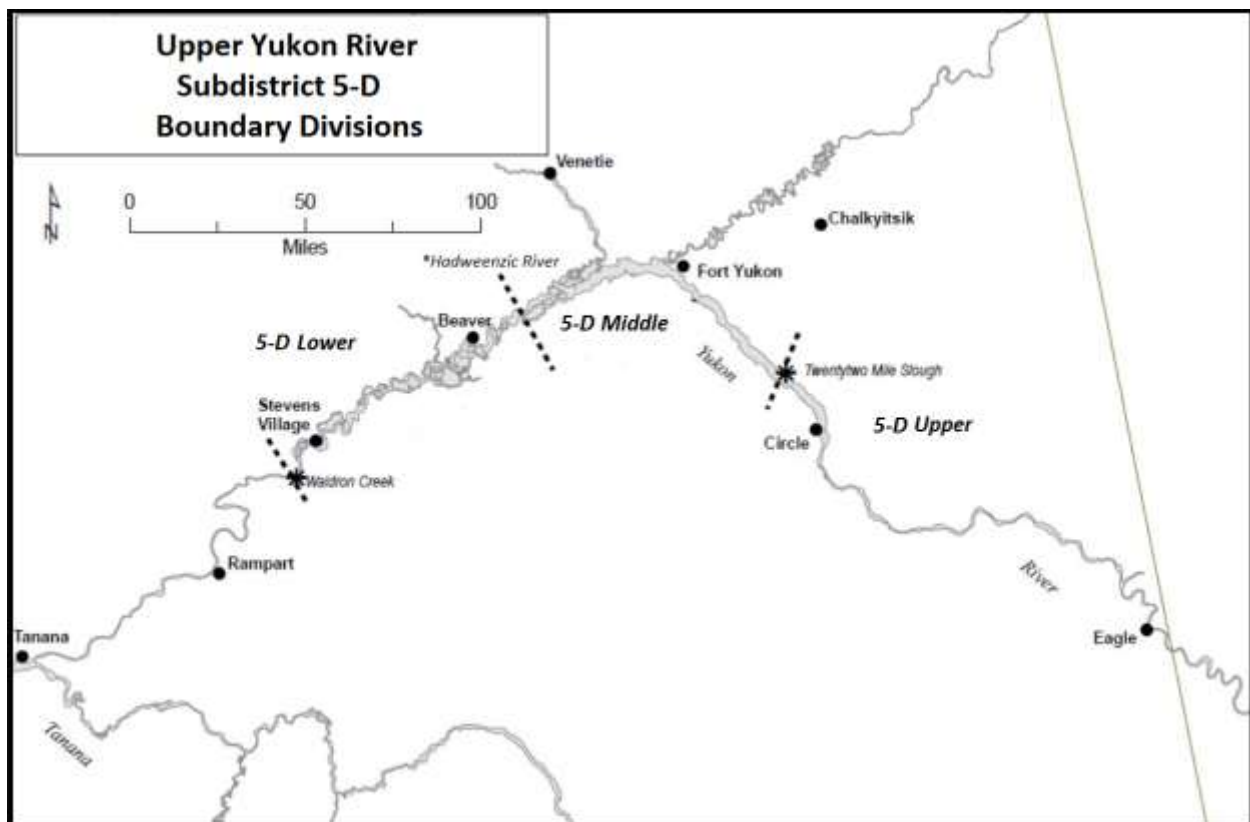
Subdistrict 5-D Middle (from the Hadweenzic River upstream to 22 Mile Slough and including the Porcupine River and all other adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Venetie, Fort Yukon, and Chalkyitsik):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed. Effective 6:00 p.m. Thursday, August 8, subsistence salmon fishing will reopen and remain open 24-hours per day, 7 days per week. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less and all salmon may be kept when caught in fish wheels.

Subdistrict 5-D Upper (from 22 Mile Slough to the U.S./Canada border and including all adjacent tributaries, which includes the communities of Circle and Eagle):

Subsistence salmon fishing is currently closed. Effective 12:00 noon Wednesday, August 14, subsistence salmon fishing will reopen and remain open 24-hours per day, 7 days per week. Fishermen may use gillnets with a mesh size of 7.5 inches or less and all salmon may be kept when caught in fish wheels.

Map 1: Division of Subdistrict 5-D



Subsistence fishermen are reminded that a fishing permit is required to fish for all species in the portion of Subdistrict 5-C and 5-D from the western most tip of Garnet Island upstream to the Dall River, and from the upstream mouth of 22-Mile Slough to the US/Canada Border. Subsistence fishermen outside the permit area are encouraged to fill out their subsistence salmon catch calendars. Calendars are available from the ADFG office in Fairbanks.

The subsistence fishing schedule and recorded fishery announcements will be available 24 hours a day at 1-866-479-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks); in Fairbanks, call (907) 459-7387.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the ADFG office in Fairbanks at 459-7274. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service can be contacted in Fairbanks at 456-0418.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

-end-